(b) what punitive action is taken against the women submitting the exaggerated list of dowry, if no, action is taken the reasons therefor and what remedial steps Government propose to take to check such tendencies on the part of women;

(c) what steps Government have taken/propose to take to enable husbands get back the expenditure incurred on the marriage from the bride's parents in the event of wife's refusing to stay with her husband despite his agreeing to keep his wife with him; and

(d) if no steps have been taken what reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b). The Delhi Police has reported that on enquiries a few complaints made by women against their husbands/in-laws were found to be unsubs tantiated. Keeping in view the totality of the circumstances, the Delhi Police came to the conclusion that no legal action was warranted against such unsubstantiated complaints.

(c) and (d) The husband can move the court for restitution of conjugal rights in the event of wife's refusing to stay with him despite his agreeing to keep his wife with him. In such matters social counselling can be more effective than police action.

"राष्ट्रीय सहारा" में प्रकाशित समाचार

2861. **श्री सोम पाल:**
श्री शारदा मुखर्जी:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 13 सितम्बर, 1993 के "राष्ट्रीय सहारा" के दिल्ली संस्करण में "चार को जबरन हिजड़ा बनाया गया" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी॰एम॰सईद): (क) जी हां, श्रीमान्।

(ख) दिल्ली पुलिस ने सूचित किया है कि 1993 के दौरान (19.12.1993 तक) एक पुरुष को जबरन हिजड़ा बनाने के बारे में एक शिकायत प्राप्त हुई थी। जांच करने पर यह आरोप सिद्ध नहीं हुआ।

Powers of Lt. Governor and Chief Minister of Delhi

2862. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the powers of the Lt. Governor vis-a-vis the Chief Minister of Delhi have been delineated;

(b) whether the division of powers is on the lines of those of the Pondicherry administration; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Government of National Capital Territory Act lays down the powers on the Lt. Governor vis-a-vis the elected Government. Transaction of Business Rules governing the level of decision making in Delhi is broadly on the lines of those existing in the Pondicherry Administration.

(c) Does not arise.

Facts about Ms. Rubaiya Sayeed Kidnapping and Release

2863. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the pioneer of 18th October, 1993 under the caption, Judge reveals of Rubaiya Sayeed's kidnapping;

(b) if so, to what extent facts about kidnapping and release of Ms. Rubaiya

Sayeed revealed by the High Court judge after his retirement are correct;

(c) under what circumstances and under whose order 5 militants, who were detenus held under TADA were released from detention and what are the details in this regard;

(d) whether it is also a fact that three persons involved in the release of Ms. Rubaiya Sayeed have since been killed by the militants; if so, what are their names and in what circumstances they were killed; and

(e) whether Government have made any enquiry into the whole affair and if so, with what results and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (e) The Government is aware of the press report in question. However, it has no information about the involvement of Justice Bhatt and the others, mentioned in the report, in the negotiations referred to therein. No specific enquiry into the matter has been made and, as such, the question of providing details does not arise. It is a fact that, of the three individuals mentioned in the press report viz. Shri Mir Mustafa and Dr. Abdul Ahad Guru were killed by the militants after being abducted on 23 March, 1990 and 31 March, 1993 respectively.

Raids Conducted by CBI at the Premises of top Executives of East West Airlines

2864. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of investigation has recently conducted raids at the premises of East West Airlines and also interrogated top executives;

(b) if so, the purpose of conducting raids at their premises;

(c) whether any incriminating documents etc., have been seized; and

(d) if so, what further steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) CBI had conducted searches in the office premises of East West Travel and Trade Links Ltd. (of which East West Airlines is a Division) at Delhi and Bombay on 29.10.1993. The searches were conducted in connection with the investigation of cases against some close associates of the Dubai based don, Dawood Ibrahim, which was taken over by CBI from Delhi Police in July, 1993.

(c) and (d) Certain documents have been seized for further scrutiny. Action will be taken as provided under the law.

Privileges of the Presidents and Vice Presidents

2865. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pension is being paid to the former Presidents of India under the President's and Vice-President's Emoluments Act;

(b) whether the provisions cover the Vice-Presidents who officiated as the President for some time; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to amend the Act to cover the acting Presidents also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) There is no statute called the President's and Vice-President's Emoluments Act. Former Presidents are being paid pension, etc., under the President's Emoluments and Pension Act, 1951.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.